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Docket Number: 16356.850 (DC-05216)  
Customer No. 000027683

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
Meaney et al.

Serial No: 10/764,184

Filed: January 23, 2004

For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING AN  
ITEM OF BUILD-TO-ORDER EQUIPMENT

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Group Art Unit: 2185

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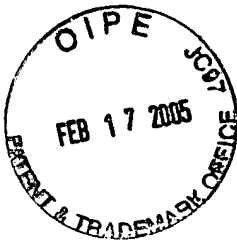
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Minor changes have been made to the specification. Claims 1-14 remain in the application.